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Dear Mr. Houston:

I was very pleased to hear from you last week but, at the same time, somewhat amazed as General Donovan had advised me that he had presented my case to Mr.

25X1A [REDACTED] Was this an error in his letter or has [REDACTED] passed the papers on to you? The reason of my concern is that I wrote [REDACTED] and am wondering whether such a person exists in the agency. In any case it is encouraging to know that something is being done. As a matter of fact if my memory serves me right you were one of us in the good days of OSS: this fact is reassuring.

There is already a dossier and some of the necessary papers on file in the agency. I plan to see you Tuesday next. This will give you ample time to study the background as well as new information presented to you by the General. In this file there is much incomplete information as to activities and experience which I plan to supplement on my meeting with you. It was quite encouraging to note that after the confusing growing pains of the agency that a person such as Mr. Allan Dulles has been finally received the directorship. The Agency certainly needed someone whose past experience qualified him for this extremely important and urgent post. Policy has no doubt changed as well as perspective. The "game" of intelligence, so vitally important, in our picture from the past years onward must be played by masters and experienced and career personnel, people with background and dedication in this field. I have seriously prepared for a career in this field both formally and through actual experience in the field. This is the crux and major factor of my endeavour to join the agency: it is the reason why I am anxious to discuss, first hand, with you next week.

Many thanks for your courtesy and future consideration.

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